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**TOWN OF DOUGLAS**



**Year Ending**

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# Warrant for Town Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 1928.

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WORCESTER, SS.

*To any Constable of the Town of Douglas, in the County of  
Worcester;* GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Douglas, qualified to vote in town elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Douglas, on Monday, the nineteenth day of March, 1928, at 5:45 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a moderator, a town clerk, a town treasurer, a collector of taxes, six constables, an agent of the Moses Wallis Devise, a tree warden, an auditor, each for the term of one year; one selectman, one assessor, one overseer of the poor, one water commissioner, two members of the school committee, one trustee of the public library, one cemetery commissioner, each for the term of three years; also one overseer of the poor for a term of one year, to fill vacancy.

ART. 2. To choose all other town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the following purposes: support of poor, schools and superintendent, street lighting, moth suppression, tree warden, bridges, sidewalks, fire telephone, fire department, police department, debts and interest, insurance, public library, town officers, printing, town hall maintenance, elections, and all other expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To hear the report of outstanding committees and act thereon.

ART. 5. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of disabled soldiers and their families.

ART. 6. To see what disposition the town will make of the dog fund.

ART. 7. To fix the number of the superintending school committee, and their compensation.

ART. 8. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for defraying the expenses of observing Memorial Day.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote twenty-five dollars for the care of the town clock, so-called.

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the care of public squares and monument lot.

ART. 11. To fix the compensation of the members of the hose company and of other town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to authorize its tax collector to sell at public auction all parcels of land now held by it under tax title and to give deeds of the same in the name and behalf of said town.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to instruct its board of selectmen to petition the State Highway Commission under Chapter 81, General Laws, and acts in amendment thereof, for state aid in construction of highways.

ART. 14. To see what sums the town will raise and appropriate for highways, stone roads and oiling stone roads under supervision of selectmen.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for placing shelves in some room in the Town Hall building for the books now stored in the old vault in the old Town Hall.

ART. 16. So see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to be paid to the Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture, in accordance with the provisions of, and for the purpose of, Chapter 128, General Laws, or for the support of demonstration work in agriculture, home economics, or boys' and girls' club work, under the direction of the agent or instructors, or of trustees, co-operating with local town director.

ART. 17. To see if the town will choose a director in accordance with Chapter 128, General Laws.

ART. 18. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1928, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid out of the revenue of said financial year.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to dispose of the lockup property on White Avenue, and authorize its treasurer to give a deed of said property in the name and behalf of the inhabitants of Douglas.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to instruct its board of assessors to prepare and print its valuation list for year 1928.

THE POLLS MAY CLOSE AT TWO O'CLOCK.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the post office at East Douglas and at Church's Store at Douglas Center seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this fifth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight.

WALTER E. SCHUSTER,  
FRANK E. JONES,  
PAUL D. MANNING,

*Selectmen of Douglas.*



# Report of Selectmen

The Selectmen of Douglas herewith submit their report of the financial affairs of the Town for the year ending December 31, 1927. They have drawn orders on the Town Treasurer amounting to \$153,865.19 as follows:

For	Amount	Appropriation	Balance
Schools .....	\$41,926 97	\$42,000 00	\$73 03
Highways .....	18,443 11	11,250 00	.....
State Aid .....	.....	7,065 95	*127 16
Street Lighting .....	2,082 36	2,100 00	17 64
Tree Warden .....	388 92	400 00	11 08
Moth Suppression .....	318 50	400 00	81 50
Bridges .....	937 66	500 00	*437 66
Fire Telephone .....	43 80	45 00	1 20
Library .....	908 57	700 00	
Dog Fund .....	.....	439 73	
		<u>\$1,139 73</u>	231 15
Town Hall .....	2,033 55	500 00	
Income .....	.....	2,021 00	
		<u>\$2,521 00</u>	487 45
Memorial Day .....	150 00	150 00	.....
Fire Department .....	318 45	300 00	*18 45
Extension Water Works.....	3,000 00	3,000 00	.....
Sidewalks .....	2,334 38	500 00	
Collected .....	.....	1,242 67	
		<u>\$1,742 67</u>	*591 61
Paupers .....	7,981 22	8,000 00	18 78
Railing highways .....	218 62	300 00	81 38
Care Squares .....	22 25	30 00	7 75
Town Clock .....	25 00	25 00	.....



## Town Officers:

Salaries .....	\$1,190 00
Assessors .....	598 95
Collector .....	651 37
Town Clerk.....	298 01
Registrars .....	60 00
Health Board.....	44 98
Selectmen expense..	13 50
Treasurer expense..	83 79

2,940 60      2,850 00      \*90 60

## Contingent:

Elections .....	\$130 00
Police .....	295 47
Forest fires.....	1,654 52
Vital statistics.....	6 50
Silent cop.....	28 73
Sealer W. & M.....	162 25
Dog Officer.....	20 00
Industrial School...	272 12
Town reports .....	235 00
Cemeteries .....	50 00
Insurance .....	47 95
Old Town Hall.....	46 42
Care W. Trough....	5 00
Inspection animals..	260 72
Snow roads .....	634 64

3,849 32      2,000 00      \*1,849 32

State Aid .....	144 00	.....	.....
County Tax .....	3,250 00	.....	.....
Tuberculosis Hospital .....	226 15	.....	.....
New School Fund.....	23,294 11	.....	.....

Debts and Interest.....	37,704 40	7,700 00
Temporary loans .....	.....	30,000 00

\$37,700 00      \*4 40

Fire Apparatus .....	1,323 25	1,500 00	176 75
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\*Overdrawn.

WALTER E. SCHUSTER,  
FRANK E. JONES,  
PAUL D. MANNING,

*Selectmen of Douglas.*

# Report of the Treasurer

GILBERT W. ROWLEY, *Treasurer.*

1927			Dr.
Jan.	12	Public Service 1926, State Treas.	\$0 56
		Business 1926, State Treasurer.	470 72
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		School Department, Douglas Motor Co.....	10 00
		Court Money .....	54 20
	17	Schools, Town of Grafton.....	48 00
	25	Rent of Hall, Mrs. Weeks.....	5 00
		Taxes 1926, Edward L. Wil-	
		liams, Coll. ....	\$1,102 95
		Interest, Taxes 1926, Edward L.	
		Williams, Coll. ....	20 57
		Taxes, Poll, 1926, Edward L.	
		Williams, Coll. ....	2 00
		Fines, Taxes, Poll, 1926, Edward	
		L. Williams, Coll. ....	25
		Taxes 1925, Edward L. Wil-	
		liams, Coll. ....	6 00
		Interest, Taxes 1925, Edward L.	
		Williams, Coll. ....	44
		Taxes 1924, Edward L. Wil-	
		liams, Coll. ....	7 30
		Interest and Costs, Taxes 1924,	
		Edward L. Williams, Coll....	5 15
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			1,144 66
	31	Interest, October, School Bldg.	
		Account .....	\$12 90
		Interest, November, School Bldg.	
		Account .....	11 84
		Interest, December, School Bldg.	
		Account .....	20 38
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			45 12
		Poor Dept. farm, A. J. Page.....	17 80

Feb.	1	Interest, Atlantic National Bank.....	7 40
	2	Rent of Hall, Robert Walker.....	45 00
		Interest, Blackstone National Bank.....	20 22
	7	School Dept., W. T. Loomis.....	34 50
	8	Hall Maintenance, Devise of Moses Wallis..	1,146 29
	14	Edward L. Williams, Taxes 1926.....	443 85
		Interest and Demands, Taxes 1926.....	8 88
		Edward L. Williams, Poll Taxes 1926.....	2 00
		Fines, 1926, Poll Taxes.....	25
		Edward L. Williams, Taxes 1925.....	11 25
		Interest, Taxes 1925.....	81
		Edward L. Williams, Poll Taxes, 1925.....	4 00
		Edward L. Williams, Taxes 1924.....	11 50
		Interest, Taxes 1924.....	1 43
		Costs .....	8 75
	23	Interest, School Building Acct., Atlantic National Bank .....	30 16
	25	School Building Acct., W. E. Schuster....	1,750 00
		School Building Acct., Marie Smith.....	1,750 00
	28	School Building Acct., H. T. Hayward.....	4,000 00
		School Building Acct., W. E. Schuster....	2,250 00
		School Building Acct., W. L. Hayward....	4,000 00
		School Building Acct., Marie Smith.....	2,000 00
		Rent of Hall, American Legion.....	12 50
		Poor Dept. farm, A. J. Page.....	388 96
March	2	Interest, School Building Acct., Atlantic National Bank .....	3 78
		Interest, Atlantic National Bank.....	5 92
		Rent of Hall, W. R. C., Mrs. Holmes.....	10 00
		Rent of Hall, Robert Walker.....	40 00
		Interest, Blackstone National Bank.....	13 73
	9	Rent of Hall, Foresters.....	10 00
		Court Money .....	6 60
		Rent of Hall, St. Anne Society.....	15 00
	11	School Fund .....	1,604 30
	12	School Dept., Town of Millville.....	35 00
	19	Edward L. Williams, Taxes 1926.....	357 93
		Interest and Fines, Taxes 1926.....	9 52
		Poor Dept., Temporary Aid, State Treasurer .....	\$396 00
		Income Tax, 1926, State Treas..	340 00
			736 00
	21	Forest Fires, Leodor McCarthy, check not returned .....	4 50
		Highways, W. R. Wallis, check returned...	8 75
		Forest Fires, Adam Parker, check not returned .....	1 80
		Highways, W. H. Parker, check not returned	15 30
	21	Poor Department, Oliver M. Dean & Sons, check not returned .....	75
		Highways, Walter Jones, check not returned	1 00
		Schools, John Makowsky, check not returned	12 00
		Highways, Duty Caswell, check not returned	40
		Highways, W. H. Parker, check not returned	40 50
		Town Hall, Philip Brule, check not returned	2 00

		Forest Fires, William Martin, check not returned .....	2 25
		State Aid, Hannah M. Adams, check not returned .....	6 00
	22	Snow Roads, Hugh Wylie .....	2 25
	24	Rent of Hall, Esther Sweet .....	10 00
	29	Poor Department, Highways .....	11 70
	30	Rent of Hall, Blackstone Valley Mill Assn. ....	25 00
April	1	Rent of Hall, Robert Walker .....	45 00
	2	Interest, Blackstone National Bank .....	4 85
		Interest, Atlantic National Bank .....	2 55
		Interest, School Bldg. Acct., Atlantic National Bank .....	33
	4	Note No. 74, W. L. Hayward .....	10,000 00
		Note No. 75, W. L. Hayward .....	10,000 00
		Poor Dept. Farm, A. J. Page .....	25 20
	9	Edward L. Williams, Collector, Taxes 1926 .....	134 77
		Independent Industrial School, State Treas. ....	23 31
	22	License, Pool, Amos Goodness .....	20 00
		License, Pool, Elmwood Club .....	10 00
		Interest, Atlantic National Bank .....	4 03
		Interest, School Bldg., Atlantic National Bank .....	13 89
		Rent of Hall, M. E. Church, Parsonage Committee .....	10 00
	28	Rent of Hall, C. W. C. ....	15 00
May	2	License, Undertaker, F. Bowen .....	1 00
		License, Undertaker, E. E. Young .....	1 00
		Interest, Blackstone National Bank .....	28 27
	6	Rent of Hall, Robert Walker .....	50 00
		Poor Dept. Farm, A. J. Page .....	22 25
		License, Pool, Czecho-Slovakia .....	10 00
	10	Edward L. Williams, Collector, Taxes 1926 .....	\$48 98
		Interest, Taxes 1926 .....	5 27
			54 25
	16	Poor Dept., Highways .....	16 20
	19	Highways, State Treasurer .....	1,292 74
	20	Rent of Hall, A. J. Page .....	20 00
	24	Note No. 76, W. L. Hayward .....	5,000 00
June	2	Rent of Hall, Robert Walker .....	45 00
		Interest, Blackstone National Bank .....	24 66
	6	Poor Dept., A. J. Page .....	49 95
	9	Court Money .....	1 50
		Poor Dept., Mothers' Aid, State Treasurer .....	\$276 34
		Poor Dept., Temporary Aid, State Treasurer .....	402 00
		Inspector of Animals, State Treasurer .....	52 69
			731 03
	16	Note No. 77, W. L. Hayward .....	5,000 00
	17	Forest Fires, N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co. ....	996 66

	18	Edward L. Williams, Taxes 1926	\$97 50	
		Interest, Taxes 1926.....	3 56	
				101 06
		Edward L. Williams, Poll Taxes 1927.....		448 00
	20	Rent of Hall, W. A. Howard for Masonic Lodge .....	25 00	
	21	School Dept., W. T. Loomis.....	14 05	
		Interest, School Bldg. Acct., Atlantic National Bank .....	5 18	
	23	School Dept., W. T. Loomis.....	5 70	
	24	Highways, State Treasurer.....	607 51	
July	1	Interest, Blackstone National Bank.....	10 27	
		Interest, School Bldg. Acct., Atlantic National Bank .....	3 29	
		Interest, Regular Acct., Atlantic National Bank .....	1 40	
	5	Poor Dept., A. J. Page, Farm.....	41 95	
	7	Edward L. Williams, Collector, Poll Taxes 1927 .....	438 00	
	8	Rent of Hall, Robert Walker.....	45 00	
	12	Edward L. Williams, Collector, Poll Taxes 1927 .....	178 00	
		Edward L. Williams, Collector, R. E. Taxes 1926 .....	116 54	
		Interest on 1926 R. E. Taxes.....	5 01	
	15	Edward L. Williams, Collector, Taxes 1927	1,000 00	
		Interest, School Bldg. Acct., Atlantic National Bank .....	2 96	
		Interest, Atlantic National Bank.....	7 15	
	22	Highways Dept., State Treasurer.....	3,344 86	
	29	Interest, Blackstone National Bank.....	1 07	
Aug.	1	Edward L. Williams, Collector, Poll Taxes 1926 .....	4 00	
		Edward L. Williams, Collector, Poll Taxes, 1927.....	\$96 00	
		Fines, Poll Taxes 1927.....	9 50	
				105 50
	5	Rent of Hall, Robert Walker.....	50 00	
		Edward L. Williams, Collector, Taxes 1927	1,010 15	
	8	Poor Dept., A. J. Page.....	106 55	
		Silent Police, Napoleon Bruno.....	20 00	
	13	Income Tax, 1925, State Treas.	\$68 00	
		Income Tax, 1926, State Treas.	170 00	
		Corporation Tax B, State Treas.	390 03	
				628 03
	19	Edward L. Williams, Collector, Taxes 1927.	1,224 58	
	20	Highways, State Treasurer.....	596 22	
	26	Edward L. Williams, Collector, Taxes 1927	1,975 32	
	30	School Bldg. Acct., W. E. Schuster.....	250 00	
Sept.	1	Interest, School Bldg. Acct., Atlantic National Bank .....	2 30	
		Rent of Hall, Robert Walker.....	40 00	
		Interest, Blackstone National Bank.....	7 56	

		Tuition of Children, State Treasurer.....	591 14
	2	Rent of Hall, William Mooney.....	5 00
	8	Poor Dept., A. J. Page.....	28 65
	9	Edward L. Williams, Collector, Taxes 1927	2,491 56
	12	Rent of Hall, A. J. Page.....	20 00
	19	Edward L. Williams, Collector, Taxes 1927	1,900 80
		Rent of Hall, Baylis Aldrich.....	25 00
	27	Edward L. Williams, Collector, Taxes 1927	2,852 33
	30	Highways, State Treasurer.....	940 55
Oct.	1	Interest, Blackstone National Bank.....	8 79
		Interest, School Bldg. Acct., Atlantic Na- tional Bank .....	2 30
	3	Poor Dept., A. J. Page.....	25 25
	5	Edward L. Williams, Collector, Taxes 1927	3,090 16
		Edward L. Williams, Collector, Poll Taxes 1927 .....	32 00
		Fines, Poll Taxes 1927.....	2 50
		Edward L. Williams, Collector, Taxes 1926	159 45
		Interest, Taxes 1926.....	6 13
	6	Rent of Hall, Robert Walker.....	50 00
	7	Sidewalks, Hayward Woolen Company....	1,000 00
	8	Court Money .....	2 20
		Edward L. Williams, Collector, Taxes 1927	3,240 38
	10	Collector of Taxes, Bonding Company.....	10 00
	14	Edward L. Williams, Collector, Taxes 1927	4,438 95
	18	Edward L. Williams, Collector, Taxes 1927	21,928 97
	21	Highways, State Treasurer.....	218 12
		Rent of Hall, Parent Teachers.....	20 00
	25	Edward L. Williams, Collector, Taxes 1927	8,487 84
	26	License, Junk, I. Shor.....	25 00
	31	Rent of Hall, Robert Walker.....	45 00
Nov.	1	Poor Dept., Farm Income, A. J. Page.....	22 60
	7	Interest, Blackstone National Bank.....	27 21
		Interest, School Bldg. Acct., Atlantic Na- tional Bank .....	1 48
		Edward L. Williams, Collector, Taxes 1927	2,133 61
		Schools, Supt., State Treasurer.....	773 33
	8	Rent of Hall, Girls' Club.....	5 00
		Rent of Hall, W. T. Marris.....	5 00
		Rent of Hall, Blackstone Valley Mills Assn.	25 00
	10	Fire Dept., W. E. Schuster, use of pump...	6 00
		Fire Dept., Douglas Inn, use of pump.....	6 00
		Sidewalks, Blanchard Brothers.....	242 67
	14	Rent of Hall, Mrs. Petrie.....	15 00
	15	Poor Dept., Farm Income, Highways.....	11 70
		Fire Dept., William E. Balcom.....	3 00
	16	Rent of Hall, Parent Teachers.....	10 00
	18	Edward L. Williams, Collector, Taxes 1927	906 09
	21	Corporation Tax, P. S., State Treasurer .....	\$837 22
		Corporation Tax, Business, State Treasurer .....	5,101 50
		Income Tax, 1927, State Treas.	11,591 95
		National Bank Tax, State Treas.	141 29



		Trust Company Tax, State		
		Treasurer .....	11 16	
		State Aid Military, State Treas.	144 00	
				17,827 12
		Poor Dept., Highways.....		32 40
23		Rent of Hall, Alumni.....		20 00
25		Silent Police, Ray Dudley, Aetna Casualty		75 00
27		Rent of Hall, Methodist Ladies' Aid.....		5 00
Dec.	1	Interest, School Bldg. Acct., Atlantic Na-		
		tional Bank .....		1 48
	2	Rent of Hall, Robert Walker.....		40 00
		Interest, Blackstone National Bank.....		64 52
	5	Poor Dept. Farm, A. J. Page.....		64 78
19		Fire Dept., C. C. Wood.....		2 25
20		Rent of Hall, W. R. C.....		6 00
22		Edward L. Williams, Collector,		
		Taxes 1925 .....	\$20 10	
		Interest on same.....	2 77	
				22 87
		Edward L. Williams, Collector,		
		Taxes 1926 .....	\$78 08	
		Interest and Fines on same....	3 44	
				81 52
		Edward L. Williams, Collector,		
		Poll Taxes 1927.....	\$18 00	
		Fines on same .....	50	
				18 50
		Edward L. Williams, Collector,		
		Property Taxes 1927.....	\$1,194 38	
		Fines on same .....	8 50	
				1,202 88
31		Edward L. Williams, Collector,		
		Taxes 1926 .....	\$6 00	
		Interest on same .....	36	
				6 36
		Edward L. Williams, Collector,		
		Taxes 1927 .....	\$595 71	
		Interest and costs for same....	5 89	
				601 60
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Jan.	2	Interest, Blackstone National Bank.....		21 78
	3	Interest, School Bldg. Acct., Atlantic Na-		
		tional Bank .....		90
		Interest, Atlantic National Bank.....		33
		Rent of Hall, Robert Walker.....		60 00
		Dog Fund, County Treasurer.....		439 73
		Poor Dept., A. J. Page.....		91 05
10		Poor Dept. Farm, A. J. Page.....		468 00
				\$145,787 27
		By Cash .....		18,871 83
				\$164,659 10



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Feb.	7	Selectmen's Orders, 391 to 396.....	\$14,385 68
March	7	Selectmen's Orders, 397 to 401.....	15,305 26
April	4	Selectmen's Orders, 402 to 410.....	10,612 00
May	2	Selectmen's Orders, 411 to 420.....	8,876 27
June	1	Highways, W. E. Jones, check No. 10741, 12/30/25 .....	1 00
	6	Selectmen's Orders, 421 to 427.....	15,198 18
July	11	Selectmen's Orders, 428 to 432.....	10,828 81
Aug.	1	Selectmen's Orders, 433 to 437.....	2,518 55
	13	Corporation Tax, P. S., State Treasurer .....	\$4 64
		Corporation Tax, Business, State Treasurer .....	7 14
			11 78
Sept.	12	Selectmen's Orders, 438 to 443.....	8,903 40
Oct.	3	Selectmen's Orders, 444 to 449.....	4,988 55
Nov.	7	Selectmen's Orders, 450 to 458.....	26,892 20
	21	State Tax, State Treasurer....	\$4,080 00
		Repairs of State Highways, State Treasurer .....	425 00
		Veterans' Exemptions, State Treasurer .....	3 43
			4,508 43
Dec.	5	Selectmen's Orders, 459 to 464.....	28,031 59
1928			
Jan.	9	Selectmen's Orders, 465 to 471.....	7,300 26
			\$158,361 96
		By Cash .....	6,297 14
			\$164,659 10

## ASSETS

Cash on hand, December 31, 1927, General Funds .....		\$5,726 72	
Cash on hand, December 31, 1927, School Building Fund .....		570 42	
			\$6,297 14
Due from Edward L. Williams, Collector, 1925.....			13 21
Due from Edward L. Williams, Collector, 1926.....			117 65
Due from Edward L. Williams, Collector, 1927.....			2,806 80
Due from State Aid—Military.....			144 00
			\$9,378 80
In trust, Henry Whiting fund, People's Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot.....			\$187 67
In trust, Sarah E. Scott fund, People's Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot.....			70 24

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In trust, Ezra Aldrich fund, People's Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot.....	132 10
In trust, Lucinda C. Reynolds fund, People's Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot.....	132 58
In trust, Caroline M. Otis fund, People's Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot.....	65 21
In trust, Abbie M. Therrien fund, Liberty Bond in Blackstone National Bank, Uxbridge, for care of cemetery lot .....	100 00
In trust, Adeline Pierce Sanborn Library fund, Blackstone National Bank, Uxbridge.....	120 89
In trust, Fund for Care of Graves of G. A. R. Veterans, Whitinsville Savings Bank.....	838 34

## LIABILITIES

Water Bonds—14 One thousand dollar bonds payable two thousand per year, July 1, 1928 to 1934, 29-42 (outside debt limit).....	\$14,000 00
School Notes—3 One thousand dollar notes payable one thousand per year, Oct. 15, 1928 to 1930.....	3,000 00
Town Hall Construction Notes—15 One thousand dollar notes payable one thousand dollars per year, Nov. 15, 1928 to 1942, notes 35 to 50.....	15,000 00
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	\$32,000 00
Water Bonds and Notes (outside debt limit).....	\$14,000 00
School Notes and Town Hall Construction Notes (inside debt limit) .....	18,000 00
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	\$32,000 00

## DEBTS AND INTEREST

1928

	Principal	Interest
Water Bonds—Payable July 1, 1928	\$2,000	O. C. T. Co.
Int. \$14,000 2% June 15		O. C. T. Co. \$280 00
12,000 2% Dec. 15		O. C. T. Co. 240 00
School Notes—Payable Oct. 15, 1928	1,000	W. S. B.
Int. \$3,000 2¾% April 15		W. S. B. 82 50
3,000 2¾% Oct. 15		W. S. B. 82 50

71,425.00

Town Hall Notes—Payable Nov. 15,  
1928

	1,000	M. T. Co.	
Int. \$15,000 $2\frac{1}{8}\%$ May 15		M. T. Co.	318 75
15,000 $2\frac{1}{8}\%$ Nov. 15		M. T. Co.	318 75

Estimates:

Interest on \$30,000 to be borrowed  
in anticipation of revenue 4%,  
6 months

	600 00
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\$4,000	\$1,922 50
	4,000 00
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	\$5,922 50

GILBERT W. ROWLEY,

*Town Treasurer.*

# AUDITOR'S REPORT.

*Walter E. Schuster, Chairman, Board of Selectmen,  
Town of Douglas, Mass.*

Dear Sir:

We have made an examination of the books and accounts of the Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Water Commissioners, Overseers of the Poor, and Agent of Devise of Moses Wallis for the year 1927 and report thereon as follows:

## TOWN TREASURER

We have seen that all payments were supported by Selectmen's orders or other authorizations. All collections, as shown by the Tax Collector's records, Superintendent of the Poor Farm, and other records, were found to be properly entered. The bank accounts were reconciled with statements received direct from the banking institutions. The cash on hand as of December 31, 1927, was as follows:

General Fund .....	\$5,726 72
School Building Fund.....	570 42
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	\$6,297 14

The savings bank books of the Trust Funds were examined.

## TAX COLLECTOR

We have verified the footings of the Tax Collector's cash book and have seen that all collections have been turned over to the Town Treasurer and duly entered by him. We have totaled the unpaid items on the Tax Collector's ledger for the year 1927 and saw that this total, plus the collections and abatements, which were compared with the Assessors' records was in approximate agreement with the tax warrants.

There remain unpaid:	
Taxes for the year 1926.....	\$38 75
Taxes for the year 1927.....	2,806 68
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	\$2,845 43

#### WATER COMMISSIONERS

The payments have been verified by the orders of the Chairman of the Water Commissioners. The collections as shown by the Water Collectors' books were found to have been entered correctly. The balance of cash on hand of \$283.00 was on deposit at the Blackstone National Bank.

#### OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

The receipts from the sale of produce, etc., as shown by the Superintendent's records were found to be properly entered on the Town Treasurer's records.

#### MOSES WALLIS DEVISE

The income from the investments was calculated and found to be properly entered. The withdrawals of income from this fund, except the Agent's salary, were turned over to the Town Treasurer and duly entered by him.

The registered bonds, composing the investments of this fund, were examined and found intact. The cash on hand amounting to \$2,089.04 was on deposit at the Whitinsville National Bank.

#### SIMON FAIRFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

We have received direct from the Blackstone National Bank a statement that they hold for safe-keeping:

Fourth Liberty Loan 4¼% Bonds....	\$4,500 00
Uxbridge Savings Bank Book.....	200 00
Uxbridge Savings Bank Book.....	233 64
Uxbridge Savings Bank Book.....	1,000 00
Whitinsville Savings Bank Book.....	7,000 00

Very respectfully,

SEAMANS, STETSON & TUTTLE,

*Certified Public Accountants.*

# Report of the WATER COMMISSIONERS

1927		Dr.	
Jan.	1	Balance cash in town treasury.....	\$30 04
		Received for water and sprinkler service .....	\$3,442 78
		Received for water connections.....	96 72
		Interest on deposits.....	12 01
		New construction:	
		Appropriation .....	\$3,000 00
		Credits .....	573 06
		Schuster Woolen Co. 1,700 00	
			5,273 06
			8,824 57
			\$8,854 61

		Cr.	
		Paid labor and supplies, making house connections and repairs	\$1,012 76
		Telephone .....	21 15
		Power and light.....	1,020 00
		Superintendent .....	1,220 00
		New construction .....	5,297 70
			\$8,571 61
Dec.	31	Balance in treasury.....	283 00
			\$8,854 61

WILLIAM L. HAYWARD,  
OSCAR OLSON,  
FRANCISCO BOWEN,

*Water Commissioners.*

# Report of Treasurer

## DOUGLAS WATER WORKS

1927		Dr.
Jan.	10 Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	\$456 19
	17 Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	125 00
	31 Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	32 50
April	29 Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	162 50
May	2 Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	442 73
	9 Herbert E. Hughes, water collections ..... \$961 17	
	Herbert E. Hughes, water collections ..... 11 50	
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		972 67
	16 Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	43 59
	31 Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	19 22
June	6 Appropriation, new construction.....	3,000 00
	17 United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry Co.	208 24
	24 Schuster Woolen Co., supplies, new construction .....	190 65
July	18 Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	240 00
	Schuster Woolen Co., new construction.....	500 00
	25 Herbert E. Hughes, water collections ..... \$251 94	
	Herbert E. Hughes, labor..... 13 50	
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		265 44
	29 Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	45 50
Aug.	5 Schuster Woolen Co., new construction.....	500 00
	8 Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	48 75
	20 Washburn-Garfield Co., new construction...	174 17
	29 Schuster Woolen Co., new construction....	700 00
Sept.	9 Herbert E. Hughes, one-half extension expense .....	80 42



Oct.	12	Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	172 50
	17	Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	157 50
	18	Herbert E. Hughes, supplies.....	2 80
	21	Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	172 19
	26	Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	85 00
Nov.	9	Herbert E. Hughes, water collections.....	15 00
		Interest for year.....	12 01

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\$8,824 57

1928			
Jan.	1	Cash on hand.....	30 04
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			\$8,854 61

1927			Cr.
January		Water Commissioner's Orders 872 and 873....	\$72 75
February		Water Commissioner's Orders 874 and 875....	75 75
March		Water Commissioner's Orders 876 to 878.....	86 05
April		Water Commissioner's Orders 879 to 884.....	88 43
May		Water Commissioner's Orders 885 to 901.....	983 72
June		Water Commissioner's Orders 902 to 912.....	2,648 89
July		Water Commissioner's Orders 913 to 917.....	1,144 39
August		Water Commissioner's Orders 918 to 929.....	1,348 08
September		Water Commissioner's Orders 930 to 941....	1,410 91
October		Water Commissioner's Orders 942 to 947.....	226 33
November		Water Commissioner's Orders 948 to 951....	92 70
December		Water Commissioner's Orders 952 to 957....	307 11

1928			
January		Water Commissioner's Orders 958 and 959...	86 50

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\$8,571 61

		By cash on hand.....	283 00
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\$8,854 61

GILBERT W. ROWLEY,

*Treasurer.*

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1927

## BIRTHS

Whole number .....	39
Number of males.....	21
Number of females.....	18
	— 39
American parentage .....	20
Foreign parentage .....	10
Mixed parentage .....	9
	— 39

## MARRIAGES

Whole number .....	20
American birth .....	30
Foreign birth .....	10
Residents of Douglas.....	25
Elsewhere .....	15
First marriage .....	35
Second marriage .....	5

## DEATHS

Whole number .....	32
Males .....	19
Females .....	13
	— 32
American birth .....	23
Foreign birth .....	6
Unknown .....	3
	— 32

Number under 1 year.....	3
Between 1 and 5 years.....	2
“ 5 “ 10 “ .....	0
“ 10 “ 20 “ .....	3
“ 20 “ 30 “ .....	0
“ 30 “ 40 “ .....	0
“ 40 “ 50 “ .....	5
“ 50 “ 60 “ .....	4
“ 60 “ 70 “ .....	6
“ 70 “ 80 “ .....	5
“ 80 “ 90 “ .....	4
	— 32

## DOGS REGISTERED

Whole number .....	222
Males, 188 @ \$2.00.....	\$376 00
Females, 34 @ \$5.00.....	170 00
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Less fees, 222 @ 20 cents.....	\$546 00
	44 40
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	\$501 60
Paid to County Treasurer.....	\$501 60

JOHN B. CHAPDELAIN, JR.,

*Town Clerk.*

# REPORT OF TREASURER

## Simon Fairfield Public Library

1927			
Jan.	1	Balance on deposit.....	\$333 56
		Unexpended balance of Dog	
		Fund and Town Appropriation	\$94 17
		Dog Fund for year 1927.....	439 73
March		Town Appropriation .....	700 00
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			1,233 90

1927			
Jan.	5	Received Savings Bank interest	\$22 50
Feb.	14	For 1 book.....	1 50
		Old magazines .....	7 00
April	13	For books .....	5 06
		Non-resident fee .....	2 00
	15	Fourth Liberty Loan	
		interest .....	53 12
	15	Fourth Liberty Loan	
		interest .....	42 50
May	2	Savings Bank interest	22 50
	6	For books .....	5 33
	15	Second Liberty Loan	
		interest .....	127 50
July	1	For 4 books.....	6 00
	5	Savings Bank interest	22 50
Aug.	1	For 1 book.....	1 88
Sept.	23	For 1 book.....	1 50
Oct.	15	Fourth Liberty Loan	
		interest .....	95 63
	25	For book .....	1 50
Nov.	1	Savings Bank interest	25 00
	29	Liberty Bond interest	127 50
		Book fines for year....	75 44
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			645 96
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			\$2,213 42

## Expenses for year 1927 as follows:

Paid Rosalie E. Williams, Librarian.....	\$624 00	
Mrs. Carl Donaldson, Librarian.....	18 00	
Frank E. Jones, fuel.....	247 50	
Herbert E. Hughes, janitor.....	130 00	
Books .....	470 73	
Magazines and papers.....	83 65	
P. O. rents, express and cartage.....	5 31	
Safety deposit box.....	6 00	
Cleaning library .....	49 50	
Boiler inspection .....	5 00	
Insurance .....	40 50	
Readers' Guide .....	7 70	
Printing .....	10 00	
Miscellaneous account .....	47 58	
Supplies .....	64 90	
Repairs .....	70 83	
Worcester Suburban Electric Co.....	42 49	
	<hr/>	\$1,923 69

1927

Dec. 31 Balance on deposit.....	\$169 85	
Unexpended balance of Dog Fund and Town Appropria- tion for 1927.....	122 85	
	<hr/>	\$292 70

## ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Mrs. Royal Keith Fund.....	\$200 00	
James M. Fairfield Fund.....	5,000 00	
James Smith Fund.....	6,000 00	
Arthur F. Taft Fund.....	500 00	
Winfield S. Schuster Fund.....	1,000 00	
James W. Wixtead Fund.....	200 00	
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Total .....		\$12,900 00

The endowment funds of the Library are invested as follows:

In Registered 4¼% Liberty Bonds.....	\$4,500 00	
In Savings Banks.....	8,400 00	
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Total .....		\$12,900 00

FRANK E. JONES,

*Treasurer.*

# Annual Report of the Dept. of Public Welfare

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From January 1, 1927, to January 1, 1928

*To the Selectmen and Citizens of Douglas:*

Valuation of real estate, 170 acres of land, house, barn  
and sheds ..... \$7,000 00

Personal property at Infirmary as per inventory Jan. 1, 1928:

Household furniture and provisions....	\$1,236 77	
Contents of barn, woodhouse, wash- house, farming tools and wagons, etc.	1,462 27	
1 horse .....	200 00	
4 cows .....	450 00	
138 hens .....	276 00	
10 tons hay at \$30 per ton.....	300 00	
6 cords manure at \$5 per ton.....	30 00	
32½ bu. grain.....	54 20	
	\$4,009 24	

We have made the Superintendent debtor for labor, stock, and  
produce, etc., as follows:

Received from sale of eggs.....	\$181 73	
Milk .....	58 40	
Vegetables .....	11 10	
Butter .....	5 00	
Cows and heifers.....	68 00	
Pigs .....	74 80	
Bull .....	35 00	
Hens .....	47 00	
Team labor .....	27 00	
Service .....	6 00	
Use of sled.....	2 00	
Rebate from Dean & Co.....	75	
Telephone .....	15 90	
Team labor on highways.....	72 00	
Board .....	468 00	
Board and care of boarders.....	368 71	
	\$1,441 39	

The Superintendent has paid out for merchandise and other expenses as follows:

Paid for pump packing.....	\$0 20	
Plants and garden seed.....	6 25	
Hair cutting .....	1 00	
Horse collar pads.....	2 00	
Fruit .....	1 00	
Faucet .....	1 50	
Service .....	1 00	
Asbestos pipe bands.....	70	
Returned for service.....	2 00	
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		\$15 65

### OVERSEERS' CASH PAYMENTS FOR INFIRMARY ACCOUNT

Paid Superintendent, salary.....	\$1,000 20
E. N. Jenckes, groceries.....	399 98
E. N. Jenckes, grain.....	533 65
Charles L. Church, groceries.....	195 97
Charles L. Church, grain.....	107 20
Charles L. Church, meat.....	166 84
Charles L. Church, roofing.....	12 00
Charles L. Church, fertilizer.....	9 40
Thomas P. Ritchie, groceries.....	167 00
Alfred Stone, groceries.....	36 20
Walter T. Marris, meat.....	28 77
Frank Rivard, fish.....	39 15
Frank E. Jones, coal.....	270 39
Frank E. Jones, ice.....	3 60
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.....	24 89
Worcester Suburban Electric Co.....	94 96
Mackey, plumbing and supplies.....	16 15
Reformatory for Women, supplies.....	19 53
W. R. Wallis, hardware and seeds.....	80 81
Charles Krull, blacksmith.....	55 16
F. S. Chickering, horses.....	147 00
Dr. J. Andrews, D.V.S., sick horses and cows .....	15 00
Commissioner of Public Safety, inspec- tion .....	5 00
Roberts, glasses for inmate.....	8 00
Julia Palmer, apples.....	1 00
Labor getting ice.....	17 51
Dudley, seed potatoes.....	12 78
J. P. Manning, ice.....	2 00
Felix Leno, repairing chimney.....	27 00
V. S. Johnson & Sons, repairing ice house .....	18 44
Howell Parker, chickens.....	44 00
Julia Palmer, hens.....	63 00
Ker Chickeries Co., chicks.....	12 00
Peters, sawing .....	13 75



Buffum Drug, gloves.....	75	
Dr. J. J. Quinn, M.D., B. Case.....	44	00
Dr. Paul F. Ela, M.D., B. Case.....	16	00
Frank Bowen, B. Case.....	92	00
Kathryn Chapdelaine, B. Case.....	10	00
Dr. Paul F. Ela, M.D., inmate.....	4	00
Dr. J. J. Quinn, M.D., inmate.....	6	00
	<hr/>	\$3,821 08

## SUMMARY

Superintendent has paid as per his account	\$15 65	
Overseers have paid as per their account...	3,821 08	
	<hr/>	\$3,836 73

The Overseers' Account is as follows:

Appropriation at annual town meeting.....	\$8,000 00	\$8,000 00
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Expenditures:

Orders on Town Treasurer:

(State) Temporary Aid.....	\$925 00	
(State) Mothers' Aid.....	1,839 00	
(Town) Outside Poor.....	1,341 78	
Lockup .....	25 00	
Miscellaneous .....	29 36	
Infirmary outside .....	3,821 08	
	<hr/>	7,981 22

Amount unexpended .....	\$18 78
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Infirmary Superintendent receipts.....	\$1,441 39
Infirmary Superintendent expenditures....	15 65
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Turned into Town Treasury.....	\$1,425 74
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Received from State, reimbursements for 1926 .....	\$1,074 34	\$1,074 34
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Due from State, reimbursements for 1927..	\$1,729 09	\$1,729 09
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## TEMPORARY AID ACCOUNT

Paid No. 1.....	\$925 00	\$925 00
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## MOTHERS' AID ACCOUNT

Paid No. 1.....	\$716 00	
No. 2.....	344 00	
No. 3.....	779 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,839 00

## OUTSIDE POOR ACCOUNT

Paid No. 1.....	\$520 00	
No. 2.....	37 12	
No. 3.....	24 00	
No. 4.....	37 00	
No. 5.....	65 62	
No. 6.....	24 07	
No. 7.....	540 65	
No. 8.....	47 82	
No. 9.....	45 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,341 78

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

Lockup .....	\$25 00	
Miscellaneous .....	29 36	
	<hr/>	\$54 36

## INMATES AT INFIRMARY DURING YEAR 1927

No.	Age	Weeks	Days
1	53	52	1
2	68	52	1

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR J. PAGE,  
WALTER PARKER.

# Report of Agent

## MOSES WALLIS DEVISE

To the Town of Douglas

For Year Ending December 31, 1927

The agent charges himself with amounts due the devise January 1, 1927, as follows:

Los Angeles School District Bonds, 5%.....	\$16,201 50	
Amortization .....	82 88	
	<hr/>	\$16,118 62
Jersey City Water Bonds, 4½%.....	\$5,231 50	
Amortization .....	12 52	
	<hr/>	5,218 98
City of Detroit Bonds, 4½%.....	\$5,250 00	
Amortization .....	12 93	
	<hr/>	5,237 07
Tremont Trust Company.....	\$52 68	
Reserve for Depreciation.....	52 68	
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Whitinsville National Bank.....	\$2,074 05	
	<hr/>	\$28,648 72
Due Town Treasurer.....	1,146 29	
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Value of Permanent Fund.....	\$27,502 43	

The agent has received as follows:

Jan.	1	Balance .....	\$2,074 05
Feb.	2	Interest, City of Detroit Bonds	\$112 50
	6	Interest, County of Los Angeles Bonds .....	375 00

April	1	Interest, Jersey City Water Bonds .....	112 50	
Aug.	1	Interest, City of Detroit Bonds..	112 50	
	10	Interest, County of Los Angeles Bonds .....	375 00	
Oct.	1	Interest, Jersey City Water Bonds .....	112 50	
	20	Interest, Whitinsville National Bank .....	25 73	
Dec.	2	Interest, Whitinsville National Bank, to November 1.....	7 02	
	8	Interest, Whitinsville National Bank .....	3 53	
			<hr/>	1,236 28
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				\$3,310 33

The agent has paid out as follows:

Feb.	8	Town Treasurer .....	\$1,146 29	
Dec.	31	Salary, agent .....	75 00	
		Balance .....	2,089 04	
			<hr/>	\$3,310 33

#### PRESENT VALUE OF DEVISE

\$15,000 00	Los Angeles, 5%.....	\$16,201 50	
	Amortization .....	124 32	
		<hr/>	\$16,077 18
5,000 00	Jersey City, 4½%.....	\$5,231 50	
	Amortization .....	18 78	
		<hr/>	5,212 72
5,000 00	City of Detroit.....	\$5,250 00	
	Amortization .....	21 55	
		<hr/>	5,228 45
	Tremont Trust Company.....	\$52 68	
	Reserve for Depreciation.....	52 68	
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	Whitinsville National Bank....		2,089 04
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			\$28,607 39
	Due Town Treasurer.....		1,104 96
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	Value of Permanent Fund.....		\$27,502 43

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT W. ROWLEY, *Agent.*

## Report of Tax Collector

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1927

The Assessors for the year 1927 committed to me the 10th day of May, 1927, the Collector's book with warrant to collect and pay over to Treasurer of said town of Douglas, Poll Taxes..... \$1,224 00  
 Poll Taxes, extra assessment, December 20, 1927..... 14 00  
\$1,238 00

I have collected and paid to Treasurer of said town in poll taxes to January 1, 1928..... 1,210 00  
 Balance due on poll taxes, January 1, 1928..... \$28 00

On July 16, 1927, received Collector's warrant to collect and pay over to Treasurer of said town of Douglas:  
 Real estate and personal property taxes..... \$61,328 28  
 Extra assessment, December 20, 1927..... 54 27  
\$61,382 55

I have collected and paid to Treasurer in cash to January 1, 1928..... 58,470 83  
\$2,911 72

I have received abatements for property taxes..... 132 92  
 Balance uncollected January 1, 1928..... \$2,778 80

EDWARD L. WILLIAMS,

*Tax Collector.*

# REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

For the year ending December 31, 1927.

East Douglas, Mass., February 28, 1928.

Walter Carpenter, 170 hours at 50c.....	\$85 00
W. Lincoln Carpenter, 153 hours at 75c.....	114 75
Napoleon Bruno, 110 hours at 50c.....	55 00
Raymond Thomas, 40 hours at 50c.....	20 00
Sam Raguso, 39 hours at 50c.....	19 50
Sam Raguso, 21 hours at 65c.....	13 65
James Falloni, 40 hours at 75c.....	30 00
Team, 160 hours at 25c.....	40 00
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	\$377 90

## SUPPLIES

April 23	Chas. Krull, repair of ladder...	\$1 00
Oct. 5	Chas. Krull, 3 rods, nuts, washers	2.35
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April 8	W. R. Wallis, axe handle.....	60
Aug. 26	W. R. Wallis, cement.....	35
	W. R. Wallis, 2 handles.....	20
Oct. 5	W. R. Wallis, paint brush.....	70
	W. R. Wallis, 2 spurs.....	12
	W. R. Wallis, cement (bag)...	90
Oct. 14	W. R. Wallis, 1 can rust and cement paint .....	1 60
	W. R. Wallis, 2 cans rust and cement paint .....	3 20
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		7 67
		<hr/>
Total .....		\$388 92

W. E. CARPENTER,

*Tree Warden.*

## Report of ROAD COMMISSIONER

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	Hours	Rate	Amount
W. H. Dudley.....	1,727	\$0 55	\$949 85
2 horses on cart.....	765	45	344 25
2 horses on cart.....	800	45	360 00
1 horse on cart.....	9	25	2 25
2 horses on scraper.....	361	60	216 60
Auto .....	1,455	10	145 50
Truck .....	1,379	90	1,241 10
Large truck .....	101	1 50	151 50
L. J. Dudley, 2 horses on cart.....	1,270	45	571 50
W. H. Parker.....	560	45	252 00
2 horses on cart.....	280	45	126 00
2 horses on scraper.....	280	60	168 00
J. P. Manning.....	393	45	176 85
2 horses on cart.....	383	45	172 35
Fred Dupont .....	50	45	22 50
2 horses on cart.....	50	45	22 50
Arthur Morse .....	85	45	38 25
2 horses on cart.....	85	45	38 25
Town Farm men.....	80	45	36 00
2 horses on cart.....	80	45	36 00
Henry Jarvis .....	7	45	3 15
2 horses on cart.....	171	45	76 95
2 horses on scraper.....	13	60	7 80
John Fuloni .....	369	45	166 05
1 horse on cart.....	281	25	70 25
George Chandler .....	90	45	40 50
2 horses on cart.....	90	45	40 50
Leon Inman .....	56	45	25 20
1 horse on cart.....	48	25	12 00
Arthur Metcalf .....	8	45	3 60
1 horse on cart.....	8	25	2 00
D. E. Caswell.....	152	45	68 40
Truck .....	35	90	31 50
Mark Hughs .....	26	45	11 70
Truck .....	26	90	23 40
James Smith .....	676	45	304 20
Edward Buxton .....	62	45	27 90



Russell Keith .....	1,027	45	462 15
Earl Ballou .....	1,400	45	630 00
Osca Wade .....	402	45	180 90
Walter Colinsky .....	860	45	387 00
Wm. Buxton .....	891	45	400 95
Charles Dudley .....	1,149	45	517 05
Edward Murphy .....	144	40	57 60
Edward Murphy .....	863	45	388 35
Albert Valcourt .....	985	45	443 25
Domanic Vacino .....	151	45	67 95
S. Kurtyka .....	14	45	6 30
Warren Wheeler .....	320	45	144 00
Thayer Peters .....	4	45	1 80
Francis Rivard .....	4	45	1 80
John Carter .....	949	35	332 15
Francis Carter .....	1,337	35	467 95
William Murphy, Jr. ....	161	35	56 35
Earl McCann .....	1,315	45	591 75
Henry Peters .....	151	45	67 95
George Laborde .....	9	45	4 05
Wendell Keith .....	631	45	283 95
Ralph Aldrich .....	7	45	3 15
Wm. Plant .....	9	45	4 05
John Bard .....	95	45	42 75
Ernest Labelle .....	138	45	62 10
Lincoln Carpenter .....	13	45	5 85
Ray Peters .....	30	45	13 50
Patrick Carter .....	79	45	35 55
Joe Forcher .....	41	45	18 45
Ernest Lunn .....	355	45	159 75
Wm. Eldridge .....	151	45	67 95
Lewis Eldridge .....	41	45	18 45
Gustavus Dudley .....	9	20	1 80
A. Jabrocki .....	9	45	4 05
J. Raguso .....	18	45	8 10
Carl Simmons .....	213	45	95 85
Lewis Foloni .....	160	45	72 00
J. O'Donnell .....	9	45	4 05
Wm. Therien .....	9	45	4 05
Wm. O'Donnell .....	221	45	99 45
Oliver Belanger .....	165	45	74 25
Pete Larabe .....	23	45	10 35
S. Bezik .....	5	45	2 25
A. Yerka .....	18	45	8 10
Arthur Page .....	9	45	4 05
Fred Nault .....	45	45	20 25
A. Vecchione .....	5	45	2 25
Paul Kostka .....	39	45	17 55
Harold Anderson .....	36	45	16 20
George Dansereau .....	45	45	20 25
James Foloni .....	159	45	71 55
Pete Freageau .....	4	45	1 80
Fred Chenners .....	50	45	22 50
L. Fregeau .....	14	45	6 30
George Seymoer .....	15	45	6 75

J. Chupka .....	36	45	16 20
F Chupka .....	36	45	16 20
L. Bolonzo .....	14	45	6 30
Arthur Nault .....	40	45	18 00
M. White .....	40	45	18 00
F. Fregeau .....	5	45	2 25
Alphonse Colonero .....	36	45	16 20
Raymond Phillips .....	207	45	93 15
Fred Brotherhood .....	40	45	18 00
Percy Peters .....	138	45	62 10
Paul Chase .....	191	45	85 95
Henry Lambert .....	4	45	1 80
Frank Bozma .....	178	45	80 10
Wilda Desautell .....	23	45	10 35
Asa Wheeler .....	3	45	1 35
Donald Wheeler .....	4	45	1 80
Hartwick Lawson .....	14	45	6 30
Harley Barton .....	80	45	36 00
Harold Fiske .....	138	45	62 10
Frank Yacino .....	9	45	4 05
Wm. Caswell .....	272	45	122 40
Walter Paine .....	8	45	3 60
Leon Inman, Jr. ....	56	45	25 20
Lewis Fiske .....	145	45	65 25
Aug. Martinik .....	6	45	2 70
Jacob Poplasky .....	26	45	11 70
Joe Bruneau .....	18	45	8 10
James Vallier .....	18	45	8 10
Wilfred Provost .....	10	45	4 50
James Matiechuck .....	10	45	4 50
P. Manijak .....	9	45	4 05
Joe Verostek .....	15	45	6 75
George Stanik .....	15	45	6 75
Flo Klucarick .....	14	45	6 30
John Bahleda .....	14	45	6 30
Adam Polka .....	9	45	4 05
Law Baca .....	9	45	4 05
Law Bombara .....	15	45	6 75
Sam Gagne .....	6	45	2 70
Sullivan Vecchione .....	104	65	67 60
Albert Yacino .....	8	45	3 60
Felix Yacino .....	8	45	3 60
J. Yacino .....	3	45	1 35
Town of Webster for roller, 9 days at \$10 .....			90 00
Fred Spicer, driver.....	92	50	46 00
Mrs. L. J. Dudley, to board for Fred Spicer .....			15 00
Total labor .....			\$13,572 00

## MATERIAL

Haywood Woolen Co., 3,225 lbs. soft coal at  
\$8.00 per ton..... \$12 90

The Texas Co., 2,070 gals. Liquid Asphalt at 13c per gal.....	269 10	
The Barrett Co.:		
8,070 gals. Tarvia B at 14c.....	1,129 80	
7,790 gals. Tarvia A at 14c.....	1,090 60	
1,033 gals. Tarvia K. P. at 20½c.....	211 77	
1,005 gals. Tarvia K. P. at 18c.....	180 90	
New Haven Trap Rock Co.:		
255,800 lbs. trap rock at \$1.45.....	185 46	
179,400 lbs. trap rock at \$1.70.....	152 49	
The Berger Mfg. Co., culvert pipe.....	209 52	
Schuster Woolen Co., timber.....	5 60	
Total .....		\$3,448 14

## SUPPLIES

Paul D. Manning, insurance.....	\$186 50	
Additional .....	98 03	
Douglas Motor Co., 1 hr. labor, 5 lb. cup grease .....	2 20	
Charles Church, tools and oil.....	65 34	
E. N. Jencks, 2 ropes and 2 buckets.....	2 00	
Charles Krull, 5 manhole grates.....	59 40	
W. R. Wallis, tools and supplies.....	144 03	
May Gove, drainage.....	25 00	
Dyar Sales & Machinery Co.:		
1 cold patch mixer.....	230 00	
1 wheel barrow.....	7 75	
1 sweeper broom.....	55 00	
Scraper blade .....	22 50	
Waite Hardware Co., 1 wheel barrow.....	8 00	
½ gross wood screws.....	78	
J. B. Chapdelaine, 20 gals. gas at 21c.....	4 20	
Total .....		\$910 73

## REPAIRS

Charles Krull, repairing tools.....	\$50 15	
Charles Krull, repairing scraper.....	31 15	
Total .....		\$81 30

## FREIGHT

N. Y., N. H. & Hartford R. R.:		
Freight on trap rock.....	\$259 75	
Freight on 20 bbl. Tarvia.....	27 44	
Freight on scraper blades.....	50	
Freight on mixer and wheel barrow....	5 15	
Total .....		\$292 84

## EXPRESS

American Railway Express Co., on parts for scraper .....	\$2 15	
Total .....		\$2 15

## GRAVEL

	Loads	Rate	Amount
Charles Church .....	263	\$0 05	\$13 15
Ray Dudley .....	112	05	5 60
Albert Valcourt .....	210	05	10 50
Wm. Buxton .....	607	05	30 35
Tom Chester .....	167	05	8 35
E. C. Parker, sand.....	115	05	5 75
Harold Buxton, sand.....	311	05	15 55
Cora Bates .....	196	05	9 80
James Chase .....	141	05	7 05
Frank Jones .....	131	05	6 55
Fred Parker .....	34	05	1 70
D. E. Caswell.....	12	05	60
Irvin Esty .....	19	05	95
Lewis Bombara .....	20	05	1 00
Leon Inman .....	80	05	4 00
Tom Laphom .....	35	05	1 75
L. Taft .....	8	05	40
Charles Buxton .....	38	05	1 90
A. Nedrosick .....	100	05	5 00
Total .....			\$129 95
Grand total .....			\$18,437 11

W. H. DUDLEY,

*Superintendent of Highways.*

## BRIDGES

	Hours	Rate	Amount
W. H. Dudley.....	81	\$0 55	\$44 55
2 horses .....	112	45	50 40
Truck .....	85	90	76 50
Auto .....	79	10	7 90
Earl Ballou .....	88	45	39 60
L. J. Dudley, 2 horses.....	86	45	38 70
Russell Keith .....	90	45	40 50
Henry Peters .....	10	45	4 50
Wendell Keith. . . . .	95	45	42 75
Ernest Lunn .....	163	45	73 35
Warren Wheeler .....	75	45	33 75
Albert Valcourt .....	164	45	73 80
Edward Murphy .....	65	45	29 25

Walter Colinsky .....	75	45	33 75
Earl McCann .....	48	45	21 60
Wm. Buxton .....	23	45	10 35
Carl Simmons .....	22	45	9 90
Francis Carter .....	58	35	20 30
John Carter .....	35	35	12 25
Total labor .....			<u>\$663 70</u>

## MATERIAL

Frank Jones, to 11,740 ft. standing lumber at \$10 .....	\$117 40	
W. R. Wallis, to spikes and lumber.....	76 43	
Total .....		<u>\$193 83</u>

## SUPPLIES

Charles Church, to rubber boots, nails, etc..	\$15 56	
Charles Church, to sawing 11,740 ft. lumber at \$5.50 per thousand.....	64 57	
Total .....		<u>\$80 13</u>
Grand total .....		<u>\$937 66</u>

## RAILINGS

	Hours	Rate	Amount
W. H. Dudley.....	34	55	\$18 70
2 horses .....	23	45	10 35
Auto .....	5	10	50
Truck .....	9	90	8 10
Earl Ballou .....	19	45	8 55
Charles Dudley .....	27	45	12 15
Walter Colinsky .....	45	45	20 25
James Smith .....	45	45	20 25
Oscar Wade .....	54	45	24 30
Albert Valcourt .....	31	45	13 95
Edward Murphy .....	9	40	3 60
Carl Simmons .....	13	45	5 85
Total labor .....			<u>\$146 55</u>

## MATERIAL

W. H. Dudley:		
100 rails at 50c.....	\$50 00	
50 posts at 30c.....	15 00	
Charles Church, nails and spikes.....	7 07	
Total .....		<u>\$72 07</u>
Grand total .....		<u>\$218 62</u>

## SNOW ROADS

	Hours	Rate	Amount
W. H. Dudley.....	174	\$0 55	\$95 70
2 horses .....	75	45	33 75
1 horse .....	78	25	19 50
Mrs. L. J. Dudley, 2 horses.....	28	45	12 60
W. H. Parker.....	9	45	4 05
2 horses .....	9	45	4 05
J. P. Manning .....	12	45	5 40
2 horses .....	9	45	4 05
Fred Dupont .....	13	45	5 85
2 horses .....	13	45	5 85
George Chandler .....	22	45	9 90
2 horses .....	22	45	9 90
John Foloni .....	58	45	26 10
1 horse .....	58	25	14 50
Earl Ballou .....	96	45	43 20
Henry Peters .....	26	45	11 70
Charles Grounden .....	3	45	1 35
Edward Vallier .....	15	45	6 75
William Bergeron .....	8	45	3 60
Wm. Caswell .....	20	45	9 00
D. E. Caswell.....	3	45	1 35
H. Wylie .....	14	45	6 30
Carl Simmons .....	18	45	8 10
Earl McCann .....	16	45	7 20
James Smith .....	10	45	4 50
Wm. Eldridge .....	19	45	8 55
Noval Dixon .....	32	45	14 40
Kenneth Parker .....	18	45	8 10
Wendell Keith .....	17	45	7 65
Lewis Foloni .....	6	45	2 70
Russell Keith .....	41	45	18 45
Edward Murphy .....	40	40	16 00
Charles Dudley .....	50	45	22 50
Ralph Aldrich .....	9	45	4 05
Oscar Wade .....	91	45	40 95
Ernest Lunn .....	32	45	14 40
Arthur Rawson .....	9	45	4 05
Paul Rawson .....	9	45	4 05
Edward Buxton .....	16	40	6 40
Francis Carter .....	9	30	2 70
Charles McCann .....	13	30	3 90
Francis McCann .....	8	30	2 40
Norman Keith .....	9	30	2 70
Everett Ballou .....	18	45	8 10
Stanton Putnam .....	8	45	3 60
Percy Peters .....	12	45	5 40
Warren Wheeler .....	10	45	4 50
Donald Wheeler .....	7	45	3 15
Asa Wheeler .....	6	45	2 70
Thayer Peters .....	9	30	2 70
Joe Laundry .....	13	45	5 85

Clifford Lunn .....	9	45	4 05
Henry Foggett .....	8	45	3 60
Albert Danserau .....	3	45	1 35
Paul Danserau .....	6	45	2 70
Frank Yacino .....	17	45	7 65
James Mateychuck .....	13	45	5 85
Edward Theriean .....	4	45	1 80
Henry Dion .....	23	45	10 35
Joe Decoteau .....	23	45	10 35
Aug. Martinick .....	10	45	4 50
Simion Gravel .....	8	45	3 60
John Carter .....	8	30	2 40
Robert Lunn .....	5	45	2 25
Grand total .....			<hr/> \$634 65

W. H. DUDLEY,

*Superintendent of Highways.*





ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
and Superintendent of Schools  
OF THE  
TOWN OF DOUGLAS

FOR THE  
Year Ending December 31, 1927



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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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BAYLIS ALDRICH.....	Term expires 1928
ARTHUR E. RAWSON, Secretary.....	“ “ 1928
JOHN B. CHAPDELAINE.....	“ “ 1929
DR. PAUL ELA.....	“ “ 1929
WILLIAM T. LOOMIS, Chairman.....	“ “ 1930
LILLIAN G. CARPENTER.....	“ “ 1930

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

C. L. JUDKINS

### PURCHASING AGENT

W. T. LOOMIS

### ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

DOUWE DEJONG

E. L. WILLIAMS

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

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## HIGH SCHOOL

Winter term—December 27, 1927, to March 23, 1928, 13 weeks.  
Spring term—April 2, 1928, to June 22, 1928, 12 weeks.

Fall term—September 10, 1928, to December 21, 1928, 15 weeks.  
Winter term—December 31, 1928, to March 29, 1929, 13 weeks.  
Spring term—April 8, 1929, to June 28, 1929, 12 weeks.

Thanksgiving recess—November 29 to December 3.  
Christmas vacation—December 22 to December 31.  
Spring vacation—March 30 to April 8.

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Winter term—January 3, 1928, to March 23, 1928, 12 weeks.  
Spring term—April 2, 1928, to June 15, 1928, 11 weeks.

Fall term—September 10, 1928, to December 21, 1928, 15 weeks.  
Winter term—January 7, 1929, to March 29, 1929, 12 weeks.  
Spring term—April 8, 1929, to June 21, 1929, 11 weeks.

Thanksgiving recess—November 29 to December 3.  
Christmas vacation—December 22 to January 7.  
Spring vacation—March 30 to April 8.

## NO-SCHOOL SIGNAL

Three blasts of the whistle at 7:45 A. M. closes all schools for the morning session.

The same signal at 11:45 A. M. closes all schools for the afternoon session.

The signal at 11:15 denotes that there will be a single session. In this case the session will be lengthened one hour in the first grade, and one hour and a half in the others.

# Report of the SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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The School Committee submits the following report for the financial year ending December 31, 1927:

The appropriations for the schools were \$41,500.00, and the expenditures \$41,926.97.

We received from the State as reimbursement for teachers' salaries, \$6,675, for tuition of state wards, \$591.14, and for superintendent's salary, \$773.33, making a total of \$8,039.47.

This reduces the net cost of the schools to \$33,887.50

According to the last report of the State Board of Education the expenditure per pupil in Douglas, based on the average membership of the schools, was \$65.58, while the average for the State for towns of approximately the same population and valuation was \$90.74. Douglas ranked in this respect as the 104th out of the 231 towns of what is known as Group III. Thus, although our appropriations are liberal, they are not more so than two-thirds of similar towns.

The itemized expenditures are as follows:

Expenditures of School Committee.....	\$42 53
Salary of Superintendent.....	1,320 00
Expenses of Superintendent.....	247 38
Salary of High School Principal.....	2,265 00
Salary of High School teachers.....	3,082 55
Salary of Elementary teachers.....	16,808 89
Books, High School.....	209 82
Books, Elementary Schools.....	369 27
Stationery, High School.....	263 03
Stationery, Elementary Schools.....	637 17
Janitors, High School.....	1,350 00
Janitors, Elementary Schools.....	1,869 60
Fuel, High School.....	2,936 22

Fuel, Elementary Schools.....	475	10
Miscellaneous, High School.....	360	82
Miscellaneous, Elementary Schools.....	282	20
Repairs, High School.....	59	28
Repairs, Elementary Schools.....	717	65
Health, High School.....	70	25
Health, Elementary Schools.....	638	80
Transportation, in town.....	1,226	40
Transportation in other towns.....	172	95
Tuition, Elementary Schools.....	27	75
Miscellaneous, High School.....	335	84
Miscellaneous, Elementary Schools.....	448	45
New grounds .....	46	15
New equipment .....	4,913	62
Miscellaneous (mostly insurance).....	750	25
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		\$41,926 97

It will be noted in the list of appropriations asked for the ensuing year \$3,000 is mentioned for new equipment. The new toilets installed at the Main Street building cost over \$6,000. Three thousand of this amount was expended from appropriation in a special town meeting, leaving \$3,000 of the total cost to be provided for this year.

Appropriations asked for:

General expenses, including Superintendent's salary, expenses of School Committee and Attendance Officers .....	\$1,800	00
Expenses for instruction, including teachers' salaries, text-books and supplies, and miscellaneous expenses for instruction .....	24,900	00
Expenses for operation of school plants, including jan- itors' salaries, fuel and miscellaneous expenses for operation .....	6,500	00
Maintenance, repairs, etc.....	1,300	00
Auxiliary agencies, including promotion of health, transportation, etc. ....	3,000	00
New equipment .....	3,000	00
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	\$40,500	00

As the amount asked for and appropriated last year was \$38,500, and the amount asked for next year is \$40,500, \$3,000 of which is for new equipment, we have practically cut down the expenses \$1,000.

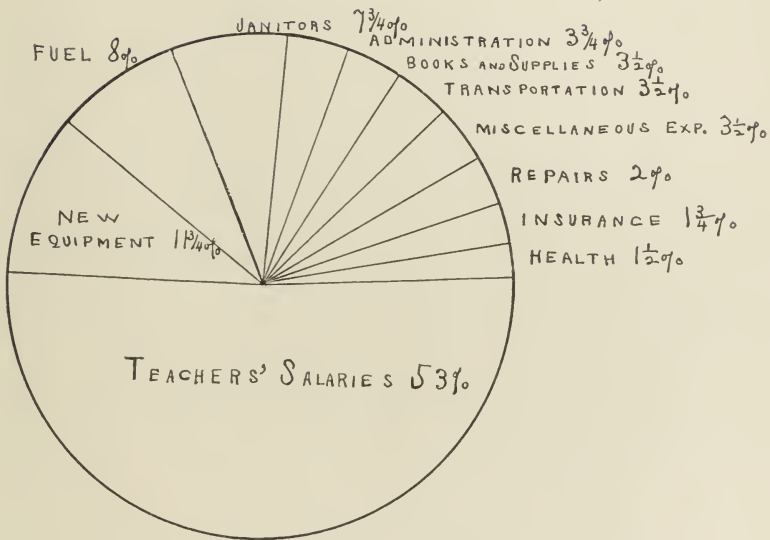
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*School Committee.*



# HOW THE SCHOOL DOLLAR IS SPENT

DEC. 31, 1926 - DEC. 31, 1927.



## Report of the Superintendent of Schools

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*To the School Committee:*

I herewith submit my thirteenth annual report of the schools of Douglas, it being the twenty-seventh in the series of Superintendents' reports of this superintendency district.

### ATTENDANCE

The school census taken last October showed that there were in Douglas 598 children between the ages of five and sixteen. This was 42 less than the number reported in the census of the year before.

The school registers, however, showed for the year ending June 24, 1927, an enrollment of 601, as compared with that of 571 of the year before, an average membership of 542 as compared with that of 521 of the year before, and an average attendance of 524 as compared with 502.

This difference between the census and the school enrollment may have been occasioned in part, at least, by families moving away during the summer.

The percentage of attendance last year was 97, which is even higher than for the previous year, when Douglas ranked in this respect as the fifteenth town out of the 355 towns and cities of the State.

The percentage of tardiness was also an improvement over that of the previous year, having dropped from .45 to .26.

This means that there was less than one tardiness for each pupil in the schools. Indeed, tardiness has almost become a matter of the past.

## THE HIGH SCHOOL

The new high school building, which has been occupied for just one year, is certainly a very fine structure from every point of view, and teachers and pupils of the schools occupying it have all been greatly pleased with their new quarters.

The attractive high school laboratories, equipped with water, gas and electricity, furnishing both the direct and the alternating current, are all that could be desired for work in both physics and chemistry, and the apparatus recently purchased has contributed materially towards stimulating the interest of the pupils, and has made possible experimental work on a larger scale and of a more advanced type.

It is planned each year to add more apparatus for both physics and chemistry until these laboratories are equipped as well as those of the largest and best schools.

The manual training room is a great improvement over the little woodworking shop that formerly did duty in this department, and the domestic science laboratory with its porcelain sinks, marble-topped tables, individual gas burners, and electric range, is almost the last word in a domestic science equipment.

One would have to go the round of many schools before he could find where superior work is being done in this subject.

It is hoped that the leveling of the grounds will be completed in the spring, so that space will be provided for the playing of baseball, volley ball, basketball and tennis, and perhaps for a cinder running track, which can be overflowed and frozen in winter for a skating rink.

All that is required now to put the school in first-class condition is a teacher of the commercial subjects, for which there seems to be considerable demand, and it would be possible to employ a male teacher for this department who should also have charge of all high and grammar school athletics.

The State strongly recommends the employment of special teachers of physical training for all schools, and nearly all the larger towns and cities now employ such supervisors.

Douglas and one or two nearby towns could employ a supervisor of physical training, in the same way as supervisors of music, drawing, manual training and domestic science are employed.

This year's graduating class numbers thirteen—six girls and seven boys—and is the largest class which has ever been graduated from the Douglas High School.

A class as large as this out of a total membership of seventy pupils is unusual, and the members are to be complimented on their perseverance and enduring interest.

## THE MAIN STREET SCHOOL

Never have I seen the Main Street building in better condition than at present.

The installation of the new toilets, costing some \$6,500, was assuredly a wise proceeding from both a sanitary and a financial viewpoint, as with proper care the building will be amply and properly provided for with little expense for years to come.

The general supervision of the grounds, basements, and halls is superior to anything of the kind I have ever seen at this building, and reflects great credit on the efficiency of the principal and the teachers.

### SPELLING CONTEST

For the third time the *Worcester Telegram-Gazette* is organizing a spelling contest among the thirty or more towns and cities of Worcester County, and again it is to be hoped that Douglas pupils will acquit themselves as creditably in this as they have in the past.

Medals will be awarded to all the district winners—one of the districts comprising the schools of Uxbridge and Douglas—and the winners in these districts will be sent to Worcester to meet winners from other districts for the final contest for Massachusetts.

The winners in this contest will be sent, without expense to them, as guests of the *Telegram-Gazette*, to Washington, where they will contest with similar state winners from various parts of the country. The final prize will be \$1,000 in gold, and there will be other prizes amounting to \$2,500 in gold.

Gold, however, is not the only reward for successful spelling, but there is also the acquisition of efficiency in spelling which such contests give.

### MUSIC AND DRAWING

This year a Music Supervisor is being employed for two days a week, instead of one, as in the past, and with correspondingly better results.

The High School Orchestra, which was organized last year, has increased to twelve members, and is now playing more difficult music.

Orchestral music is not only a means for musical education, but is a great benefit in various school activities, graduation and the like.

The Supervisor of Drawing, although she has been connected with the schools only since their opening in September, seems to be doing good work, and teachers speak in praise of the manner in which the lessons are planned.

The number of schools in Douglas really calls for the employment of a Supervisor of Drawing two days each week.

## IN GENERAL

Our thanks, as well as those of the townspeople in general, are due to the seven members of the last graduating class who presented to the High School no less than four fine pictures, which aid greatly in beautifying the walls of our very attractive high school room.

The school savings of the pupils of the Douglas schools amounted the past year to \$473.40, which is about one-half the amount deposited a year ago. This is an average of less than one dollar per pupil and not nearly as much as the school savings of other similar towns.

The amount of the deposits is not of so much importance in itself, as that it shows how few or how many individuals are involved. That which is of prime importance is the formation of the thrift habit.

The school system of Douglas and the schools individually are in as good condition as I have ever seen them, and I desire to express my acknowledgments to all who have contributed in making them so.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. JUDKINS.

February 1, 1928.

# STATISTICAL STATEMENT

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Assessed valuation, May 3, 1922.....	\$2,492,560
Population, census of 1925.....	2,377
No. persons in town between 5 and 16 years of age, Oct. 1, 1927—boys 306, girls 292.....	598
No. persons between 5 and 7 years of age—boys 49, girls 51 .....	100
No. persons between 7 and 14 years of age—boys 200, girls 198 .....	398
No. persons between 14 and 16 years of age—boys 57, girls 43 .....	100
Total enrollment in all the public schools during school year ending June 24, 1927.....	601
Average membership for school year.....	542
Average attendance for school year.....	524
Per cent. of attendance.....	97
No. school buildings in use.....	4
No. teachers required by the public schools.....	16
No. special teachers.....	4
No. teachers graduated from college.....	3
No. teachers graduated from normal school.....	8
No. weeks High School was in session.....	40
No. weeks grades were in session.....	38
No. pupils graduated from High School.....	7
No. pupils graduated from Grammar School.....	34

# Attendance for School Year Ending June 24, 1927.

SCHOOL	TEACHERS	Enrollment	Under 5 years	Between 5-7 years	Between 7-14 years	Between 14-16 years	Over 16 years	Av. Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attend.	No. Tardinesses	No. Dismissals
High.....	C. W. Holmes.....	71	0	0	0	46	24	64.03	61.54	95.73	133	6
E. Douglas 8.....	Eleanor C. Bailey.....											
"	Rosa H. Hodgkins.....	35	0	0	18	14	1	33.17	32.44	97.81	14	7
"	Audrey Jones.....	39	0	0	34	4	1	34.56	33.51	96.96	44	9
"	{ Muriel A. Rollins ..... }											
"	{ Alice L. Fairfield..... }											
"	Enice L. Buffington.....	54	0	0	43	9	0	49.35	48.52	98.12	32	0
"	Ida Z. Jacobs.....	54	0	0	47	3	0	52.06	50.20	96.50	23	10
"	Lola H. Dudley.....	53	0	0	50	1	0	47.83	46.26	96.51	21	0
"	Myra H. Jillson.....	32	0	1	23	0	0	29.40	28.53	97.20	38	4
"	May C. Buxton.....	53	0	0	52	0	0	48.09	46.70	97.09	23	6
"	Etta H. Johnson.....	55	0	5	50	0	0	48.44	47.03	96.84	15	1
"	Mollie H. Kelley.....	42	0	31	11	0	0	37.27	35.80	95.83	18	1
"	Daisy E. Sweet.....	34	0	20	7	0	0	29.54	28.54	95.62	47	6
Douglas Center 5-7	Gertrude M. Smith.....	22	0	0	19	1	0	20.47	19.81	97.02	7	1
"	Edith L. Dixon.....	31	0	5	23	0	0	29.03	27.89	96.22	25	8
So. Douglas	Mary E. Grogan.....	26	0	2	16	1	0	18.45	17.14	93.10	55	7
Totals.....		601	0	64	393	79	26	541.69	523.91	96.72	495	66



**Rank of the Schools in Attendance and Punctuality  
for Year ending June 24, 1927.**

Rank	ATTENDANCE	Per Cent. of Attendance	Rank	PUNCTUALITY	Per Cent. of Tardiness
1	East Douglas, 6	98.12	1	East Douglas, 2	.09
2	" " 8	97.81	2	Douglas Center, 5-7	.09
3	" " 2-3-4	97.30	3	East Douglas, 5	.12
4	" " 3	97.09	4	" " 4	.12
5	Douglas Center, 5-7	97.02	5	" " 8	.12
6	East Douglas, 7	96.96	6	" " 3	.13
7	" " 2	96.84	7	" " 1-a	.14
8	" " 4	96.51	8	" " 6	.18
9	" " 5	96.50	9	Douglas Center, 1-4	.24
10	Douglas Center, 1-4	96.22	10	East Douglas, 7	.35
11	East Douglas, 1-a	95.83	11	" " 2-3-4	.36
12	High	95.73	12	" " 1-b	.43
13	East Douglas, 1-b	95.62	13	High	.48
14	So. Douglas, 1-8	93.10	14	So. Douglas, 1-8	.85
Average,		96.47	Average,		.26
Average for State		93.00			

NOTE—No record of tardiness is kept by the state. Above 1%, however, is regarded as unsatisfactory.

## LIST OF TEACHERS, JANUARY 1928.

NAME	SCHOOL	HOME ADDRESS	GRADUATE OF	When appointed in town
C. W. Holmes	High	East Douglas	Brown University	1918
Eleanor C. Bailey	"	Winthrop, Me.	Colby College	1925
Emma L. Harlow	"	Randolph, Vt.	University of Vermont	1927
Audrey Jones	East Douglas, 8	Lubec, Me.	Machias Normal	1925
Louise S. Varney	" 7	Plymouth, N. H.	Plymouth Normal	1927
Eunice L. Buffington	" 6	East Douglas	Douglas High	1890
Myra H. Jillson	" 5	Douglas	Worcester Normal	1924
Elsa M. Peterson	" 2-3-4	Lynn	Salem Normal	1927
May C. Buxton	" 3	Douglas	Worcester Normal	1916
Etta H. Johnson	" 2	East Douglas	Douglas High	1889
Mollie H. Kelley	" 1-a	East Douglas	Douglas High	1908
Daisy E. Sweet	" 1-b	East Douglas	Wheelock Training School	1916
Gertrude M. Smith	Douglas Cent. 5-7	Douglas	Middlebury, Vt. High	1900
Edith L. Dixon	" 1-4	Douglas	Worcester Normal	1918
Octavia L. Jarvis	S. Douglas, 1-8	Douglas	Worcester Normal	1927
*Alma King	Music	Webster	N. E. Conservatory Music	1927
Phyllis Randle	Drawing	So. Boston	Mass. Normal Art	1927
†Edwidge Lacouture	Domestic Science	Millbury	Framingham Normal	1923
†Ernest E. Stackpole	Manual Training	Uxbridge	Brewster (N. H.) Academy	1927

†Supervises also in Uxbridge, Blackstone and Millville.

\*Supervises also in Dudley.  
‡Supervises also in Uxbridge and Auburn.

## Douglas Memorial High School Report

*To the Superintendent and School Committee:*

I herewith submit my tenth annual report on the Douglas High School.

The total enrollment since September, 1927, is 72. The present number is 67, of whom 37 are boys. The average attendance for the first four months of the school year was 65.55 and the per cent of attendance, 97.55.

The distribution by classes is as follows:

	Boys	Girls
Seniors .....	7	6
Juniors .....	4	9
Sophomores .....	12	5
Freshmen .....	14	10
	<hr/> 37	<hr/> 30

A great part of my last annual report was devoted to explaining and urging the need of another teacher for the High School. Let me try to set forth again only two or three of the reasons why we need four full-time teachers, and why one should be a commercial teacher. Let us look at the range of subjects three teachers are obliged to handle. The distribution of pupils by subjects is given below, except in English, which, of course, all are obliged to take.

First Year Algebra.....	23	Junior French.....	13
Junior and Senior Algebra	14	Modern History.....	24
Geometry .....	9	Physics .....	15
Beginners' Latin.....	12	General Science.....	24
Cæsar .....	11	Community Civics.....	18
Virgil .....	4	Bookkeeping .....	18
Beginners' French.....	17	Typewriting .....	16

In these days everyone has come to understand that no one should undertake to teach a subject in a Massachusetts school without professional training for that subject. About one-third of our pupils take business subjects; more would take such work if a good course were offered. Our teachers are well prepared in the academic subjects, but as a rule have never even taken a business subject in their high school preparation, to say nothing of professional training as to how to teach such subjects.

The question may occur, why not hire a trained commercial teacher and only two teachers of academic subjects? A glance at the array of academic subjects above is the answer. The full time of three teachers is needed for this academic work, and no trained commercial teacher can be found to take enough of it to enable two other teachers to even make a poor bluff at handling the rest of it.

Two bad results are at once obvious. The business subjects that are taught are given by a teacher with no professional training for that work, and not enough of such work can be offered. Two more business subjects should be given than we are able to handle now, business arithmetic for Freshmen, who can get little or nothing out of algebra, and stenography for Juniors and Seniors who wish to round out their business course. The latter is especially needed for Juniors and Seniors who cannot profit by physics or chemistry, which usually proves too hard for those who do not make good in Freshman and Sophomore mathematics. The only "fill-in" subject for such upper class people is physical geography and astronomy, each a half-year subject.

We have always had to alternate business arithmetic with bookkeeping; both should be given each year, as indicated in the regular curriculum.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. HOLMES,

*Principal.*

January 10, 1928.

# GRADUATION EXERCISES

of

DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL

Douglas Town Hall, Friday evening, June 24, 1927, at 8 o'clock

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The Iron Cross March *Emil Isenman*  
High School Orchestra

Invocation Rev. D. Parry-Jones

Songs by School Chorus:  
(a) Cadets on Parade *Lowe*  
(b) June *Parker*

Salutatory Doris Rita Genereux

Presentation of Class Gift Doris Rita Genereux

Acceptance for the School Mary Hanley

Diano Overture *Emil Ascher*

High School Orchestra

Fantasy—"Climb though the rocks be rugged," by the Graduates,  
as follows:

Esther Esther Loring Sweet

Dorothy Doris Virginia Jussaume

Olga Mary Anna Mercak

Katherine Leonie Marie Jarvis

Rose Cleo Irene Lynch

Gertrude Lillian Blanche St. André

Mabel Doris Rita Genereux

Fairy Doris Le Moine

Flower Song *Gustav Lange*

High School Orchestra

Valedictory Lillian Blanche St. Andre

Class Song—"In the Harbor We've Been Sheltered" John Loud

Presentation of Diplomas—C. L. Judkins, Superintendent of Schools

Bugle Boy *H. Engelmann*

High School Orchestra

Marshals—Margaret Frost and Salvatore Coppola

CLASS MOTTO

"Climb, Though the Rocks Be Rugged"

CLASS FLOWER

CLASS COLORS

American Beauty

Green and Gold

CLASS ROLL

Doris Rita Genereux

Mary Anna Mercak

Leonie Marie Jarvis

Cleo Irene Lynch

Doris Virginia Jussaume

Lillian Blanche St. André

Esther Loring Sweet

Clarence W. Holmes, Principal

Clarence L. Judkins, Superintendent

# Courses of Study in Douglas High School

Approved by the State Board of Education

Adopted by the School Committee

IN EFFECT SEPTEMBER, 1925

## FRESHMAN YEAR

### *Classical*

English 5  
General Science 5  
Latin 5  
Algebra 5  
\*Manual Training 1  
\*Domestic Science 1  
Music 1  
\*Drawing 1

### *General*

English 5  
General Science 5  
\*Algebra 5  
\*Business Arithmetic 5  
\*Community Civics 5  
\*Manual Training 1  
\*Domestic Science 1  
Music 1  
Drawing 1

## SOPHOMORE YEAR

English 5  
Latin 5  
Geometry 5  
\*French 5  
\*Ancient History 5  
\*Typewriting 4  
Music 1  
\*Drawing 1

English 5  
\*French 5  
\*Geometry 5  
\*Ancient History 5  
\*Bookkeeping 5  
\*Typewriting 4  
Music 1  
Drawing 1

## JUNIOR YEAR

English 5  
\*Physics 5  
Latin 5  
\*French 5  
\*Algebra A<sup>2</sup>, 5  
Review Geometry 2½  
Music 1  
\*Drawing 1

English 5  
\*Physics 5  
\*Modern European History 5  
\*French 5  
\*Physical Geog. and Astronomy 5  
\*Typewriting 4  
Music 1  
\*Drawing 1

## SENIOR YEAR

English 5  
\*Latin 5  
\*Chemistry 5  
\*French 5  
American History and Civics 5  
Solid Geometry 2½  
Trigonometry 2½  
Music 1

\*Drawing 1  
English 5  
\*Chemistry 5  
\*French 5  
American History and Civics 5  
\*Commercial Geography 5  
Music 1  
\*Drawing 1

The star (\*) before subjects denotes electives.  
Figures after subjects denote periods per week.

## Report of Supervisor of Music

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*Mr. C. L. Judkins, Superintendent of Schools, Douglas*

DEAR SIR:

The music of the schools of Douglas and East Douglas is progressing.

We are trying to secure a sweet, pleasing quality of tone and endeavoring to show the pupils that it is in every way much more desirable than the loud, raucous tones that are so frequently heard.

The artistic phase is also being emphasized.

Of course sight reading is one of the outstanding features of the work. Our constant aim is to help the pupil to become independent, to give him power to carry on his work, and to help him to stand alone.

In the Main Street School a set of One Hundred and One Best Songs has been introduced. This book contains many Christmas carols, which were sung at Christmas time. Many folk songs are also found in this work, which pupils should be familiar with, as folk music is the basis of all good music.

The orchestra has kept up its work of rehearsing every week. There seems to be a good spirit in this organization. We have now four violins, a mandolin, two saxophones, three cornets, one drum, and the piano. We would like to see it grow and hope more of the pupils will take up the study of some orchestral instrument.

Much enthusiasm is being manifested at present by the harmonica bands. Two are practicing, one in the sixth grade and one in the seventh. Harmonica bands are being sponsored all over the country by such men as John Philip Sousa. The harmonica is often the stepping stone to something bigger.

More and more, music is being recognized as a necessary factor in life; hence it is gradually taking its place on the school program as a major subject.

Many city schools are giving credit for outside work in music.



Payson Smith, our Commissioner of Education in Massachusetts, places English of first importance on the list of subjects taught, and music second.

As a mind trainer it has few equals. The pupil must concentrate, as there are so many things to be thought of, as key, time, rhythm, pitch, dynamics, words, tone, harmony. No other subject save literature is so highly cultural.

As a morale builder its power is recognized. It is a well known fact that during the late war it had a most powerful influence on the soldiers.

Every political campaign wants its band to arouse enthusiasm. Music has often been used to overcome the unpleasant feature of necessary work, or as an aid to labor. The chanty used by sailors, the Russian river songs used by Volga boatmen, the tune played on the harmonica or fiddle at the lumber camps are examples of this.

If, then, music plays such an important part in our lives, and we want it everywhere, no matter what the function, isn't it too bad that we let down on it in our upper grades? Having had good training in the first six grades, much is lost when we are limited for time and material in the upper grades. Here is where we should send the pupils out to take efficient places in choir choruses, glee clubs, etc.

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation of the fine co-operation on the part of the teachers. The response has been excellent.

Respectfully submitted,

ALMA L. KING,

*Supervisor of Music.*

January 16, 1928.



## Report of Supervisor of Drawing

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### Drawing Outline—Brief

Grade I—Encourage pupils to express themselves. Simple, familiar objects to be drawn. Enlarge child's scope of vision, broaden his interests.

Grade II—Broaden child's knowledge of familiar objects by comments and questions. Help child to see better. Newer interests.

Grade III—Big relative proportions. General size of person, action lines.

Grade IV—Study of human figure by finger tracing method, big proportions. Imaginative work to stimulate minds.

Grades V and VI—Human figure proportion and facial proportions. General proportions of familiar objects as automobile, cars, houses, etc.

Grade VII—Human figures and facial expressions. Knowledge of simple perspective. Knowledge of colors and values.

Grade VIII—Imaginative work. Simple objects drawn. Knowledge of colors and values, and simple perspective. Drawings of different countries (poster style).

High School—Freehand sketching of human figure from life, in groups and singly. Simple objects for perspective and shading of groups. Mechanical drawing once a month.

The aim of all grades is to see better and express oneself on paper, appreciate works of others and ultimately nature and life itself.

PHYLLIS RANDLE,

*Art Supervisor.*

January 31, 1928.

# Report of Domestic Science Teacher

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*Mr. C. L. Judkins, Superintendent of Schools*

DEAR SIR:

It is with pleasure that I submit my fourth annual report as Supervisor of Home Economics in the public schools of Douglas.

Home economics includes a study of foods in relation to health, their composition, their use in the body, selection, buying, their preparation, the planning and serving of meals, preservation and storage of foods.

The dominant features in our present objectives in home economics are to develop in the child, clear-thinking, wise judging and the ability to see relative values in home problems. Our present and coming home-makers need a store of knowledge of facts and principles, so that they will not be biased by tradition nor hampered by superstition. They need to have developed independence and initiative in seeing and attacking home problems, so as to reduce tasks in the home, and to save time, money and energy.

If more time were given, it would be possible to expand our present course and introduce the study of clothing problems, especially for the High School girls, into a study of the selection, purchase and care of ready-made articles, construction of articles and garments, laundering, textile production and designing of garments.

Cookery is now being taught to the Freshmen and eighth grade pupils, sewing to the seventh grade girls. If an additional day could be had, sewing could be introduced in the fifth and sixth grades and one High School class, having cookery in the seventh, eighth and Freshman classes.

## *Sewing*

The first half of the year the seventh grade girls were taught the simple stitches, basting, running, backstitching, overcasting, hemming and overhanding.

The project for the last half of the year is the making of the cooking uniform to be used the next year. This project consists of the making of an apron, holder and towel.

In closing my report I wish to express my appreciation of the co-operation of the Principal and teachers, and to thank you and the School Committee for your generous help.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIDGE LACOUTURE,

*Supervisor of Home Economics.*

February 3, 1928.

## Report of Instructor in Manual Training

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Mr. C. L. Judkins, *Superintendent of Schools*

DEAR SIR:

I hereby submit my report as Instructor of Manual Training in the public schools of Douglas.

We have in the seventh grade 27 pupils, 12 in the eighth grade and 12 in the Freshman class, making in all 51 pupils.

The aim of a manual training instructor is not necessarily to teach the boys to be carpenters or cabinet makers, but to teach them to be mechanical and efficient workers with their hands.

It has been a great pleasure for me to go to Douglas one day a week to teach manual training there. There has been a wonderful interest on the part of the boys, and they have been very enthusiastic in regard to turning out well finished projects.

In the seventh grade we have tried to pick out practical projects involving proper order of tool processes, such as plant stands, towel racks and necktie racks. In the eighth grade we made book ends and smoking stands, the latter being now under construction. The Freshman classes have touched upon practical cabinet making, such as the making of Priscilla sewing cabinets, diploma frames, floor lamps and table lamps.

In concluding this report I wish to thank everyone for his co-operation in the short time that I have been teaching in Douglas.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST E. STACKPOLE,

*Supervisor of Manual Training.*

January 11, 1928.

## Report of School Physician

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*Mr. C. L. Judkins, Superintendent of Schools*

DEAR SIR:

Following is the report of medical inspection of school children for year 1927.

Pupils examined .....	544
Vaccinated .....	58
Defective teeth .....	268
Enlarged tonsils .....	201
Adenoids .....	156
Enlarged glands .....	134
Nervous system .....	5
Heart .....	6
Mentality (backward children).....	3
Defects corrected .....	8

JOHN J. QUINN,

*School Physician.*

January 24, 1928.

## Report of School Nurse

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*C. L. Judkins, Superintendent of Schools:*

The following is a report of my work as School Nurse in the public schools of Douglas and East Douglas for year ending December 31, 1927.

Assisted School Physician with annual inspection and vaccinating pupils at the beginning of the school term.

Inspected for pediculi, 374 pupils.

First aid treatment, 96 pupils.

Pupils excluded from school for various reasons, 13.

Pupils referred to family physician, 12.

Two hundred and four visits were made to the homes of pupils.

These home visits are made to explain the defects found by the School Physician and all possible effort is made for the correction of these defects.

Health talks and periodical weighing of children is one of my most useful means of maintaining interest in the practice of health habits.

Through the generosity of the Parent-Teacher Association and the Civic Improvement League, a dental clinic has been made possible. The very satisfying results already received from this work is most gratifying.

The dental work this year was confined to the first and second grades, in which a thorough examination was made and findings recorded on a chart. Reports were then sent home to the parents recommending that certain dental attention was needed.

The parents are requested to sign the report and return it to the school clinic stating whether they wished to have work done at the clinic or by their family dentist. Therefore, no work is done without the consent of the parents.

A minimum fee is charged each pupil according to the work done.

We are in hopes that at a later date a portable equipment will be installed in the school building, with the advantage that there would be very little school time lost on the part of the child.

In closing my report, I wish to thank the school committee, teachers and parents for the kind co-operation given me.

Respectfully submitted,

KATHRYN CHAPDELAINE,

*School Nurse.*

February 7, 1928.

## Report of Instructor in Summer Sewing Class

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*Mr. C. L. Judkins, Superintendent of Schools*

DEAR SIR:

I herewith submit my thirteenth report as Supervisor of the Summer Sewing. Our class numbered 40 and the work was extremely satisfactory. The girls showed much independence about their work and the more difficult the task, the better they liked it. The attendance was the best we ever had.

The girls made whatever garments they needed, consisting of handkerchiefs, aprons, dresses, bloomers, gowns, etc. I wish to thank the parents for their willingness in furnishing good materials.

Respectfully submitted,

ETTA H. JOHNSON,

*Supervisor of Summer Sewing.*

January, 1928.

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### RESULTS OF THE TESTS FOR VISION AND HEARING

Number of pupils tested.....	546
Number found defective in eyesight.....	44
Number found defective in hearing.....	1
Number parents or guardians notified.....	45

### ATTENDANCE OFFICERS' REPORT

Number of cases investigated.....	25
Number absent on account of sickness.....	11
Number absent on account of truancy.....	14
Number absent for other causes.....	10
Number absent returned to school.....	18

DOUWE DEJONG,  
E. L. WILLIAMS,

*Attendance Officers.*

January, 1928.

## EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATES

Issued January 1, 1927, to January 1, 1928.

Report of Mr. Douwe DeJong

Number Persons Issued Certificates.		Number Certificates Issued.	
Educational (literate).....	38	Educational (literate).....	43
Educational (illiterate)....	0	Educational (illiterate)....	0
Special home permits.....	2	Employment .....	10
Employment .....	10	Special home permits.....	2
Total .....	50	Total .....	55

Mr. E. L. Williams has been appointed by the Superintendent of Schools to issue certificates, and these may be obtained by those entitled to them by making application to Mr. Williams.

## MEMBERS OF TEACHERS' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

C. W. Holmes, Edith L. Dixon, Daisy E. Sweet, Audrey Jones, Myra H. Jillson, Eleanor C. Bailey, Edwidge Lacouture, Emma L. Harlow, Louise S. Varney, Elsa A. Peterson, Octavia Jarvis, Alma King, Phyllis Randle, Ernest Stackpole.

## SCHOOL BANNERS

The school banner awarded for excellence in attendance and punctuality each month has been won for the past year as follows:

	Grade	Per Cent. Attendance	Number of Tardinesses
January,	East Douglas, 6.....	98.24.....	8
February,	" " 6.....	97.81.....	3
March,	" " 6.....	99.34.....	6
April,	" " 2, 3, 4.....	99.64.....	6
May,	" " 2, 3, 4.....	98.76.....	4
June,	" " 2, 3, 4.....	100.00.....	1
September,	" " 2, 3, 4.....	99.76.....	0
October,	" " 5.....	98.96.....	2
November,	" " 5.....	99.05.....	2
December,	" " 6.....	98.80.....	0



# HONOR ROLL

Pupil neither absent, tardy, nor dismissed for 5 years:

Lillian Johnston

Pupils neither absent, tardy, nor dismissed for 4 years:

Helen M. Aldrich, Florence Carter

Pupils neither absent, tardy, nor dismissed for 2 years:

Annie Mercak, Ernest Brulé, Nellie Maziarka, Louis Valliere, Andrew Virostek, Mary Bahlida, Stephen Virostek, Margaret Desjourdy, Sidney Merrill, Bertha Brulé Joseph Michna, Walter Janton, Cecelia Jarvis.

Pupils neither absent, tardy, nor dismissed for the past year:

Josephine Wojtalick, Raymond Fortier, Stephen Stanick, Henry Therrien, Mary Brown, Warren Johnson, Edward Martinsen, Rose Cassista, Margaret Desjourdy, Elizabeth Frost, Jennie Gnadek, Mary Saviano, Verner Dufault, Mary Stanick, Andrew Kleja, Andrew Manyak, Anthony Janton, Andrew Mezaras, Stanley Budzyna, Michael Zilcak, Florence Cassista, Laura Hippert, Katherine Landos, Gladys Larson, Lena Rinfrette, Edgar Weeks, Alexander Johnston, Stanley Hall, Albert Dufault, Homer Aldrich, Catherine Bombara, Anna Jabrocki, Marietta Kenyon, Mary Landor, Laura Cassista, Christina Crockett, Katherine Crockett, Antoinette Dufault, Anna A. Zemianek, Loretta Kenyon, Alfred Desjourdy.



